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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OF
WESTON
VERMONT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1950



THE COMMUNITY CHURCH
(Church-on-the-Hill)

BRING THIS REPORT TO TOWN MEETING

TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator—J. Chester Hutchinson	1951
Town Clerk and Treasurer—Fannie J. Parkhurst	1951
Selectmen:	
Arthur G. Follette	1951
Fay H. Gabert	1952
Raymond L. Benson	1953
School Directors:	
H. Graeme MacDonald	1951
Florence M. Simonds	1952
Charles H. Foster	1953
Listers:	
Walter G. Austin	1951
Alonzo W. Fuller	1951
Casper G. Woodcock	1951
Edmond R. Gabert	1952
Percy A. Foster	1953
Auditors:	
Pendleton Marshall	1951
Grace B. Cram (Appointed in place of A. Z. Boothby, who resigned)	1951
Lois M. Benson	1953
Library Trustees:	
Helen W. Tuttle	1951
Pendleton Marshall	1952
Fannie J. Parkhurst	1953
Walter G. Austin	1954
Raymond Taylor	1955
Cemetery Commission:	
Ryland R. Spaulding	1951
Edward A. Bolster	1952
Alonzo W. Fuller	1953
George A. Hansen	1954
Alden A. Proctor	1955

ELECTED ANNUALLY

Constable	Roger L. Holton
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Hiland A. Pease
Overseer of Poor	Einar N. Fabricius
Road Commissioner	Otis Hart
Town Grand Juror	Kenneth C. Walker
Town Agent	Max P. Rust
Sextons	Selectmen
Fire Chief, elected by Fire Co.	David Seeley

APPOINTED ANNUALLY BY SELECTMEN

Health Officer	Dr. Nelson S. Bigelow
Forest Fire Warden	Fred F. Gabert
Weigher of Coal	Kenneth C. Walker
Tree Warden	Alonzo W. Fuller
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber	Clyde E. Tuttle
Planning Commission :	Fence Viewers:
Arthur G. Follette	Hugh J. Foster
Raymond F. Austin	Percy A. Foster
Raymond A. Taylor, chairman	Kenneth C. Walker
Kenneth C. Walker	Pound Keepers:
Pendleton Marshall	Barney A. Foster
	Elmer Willis
	Kenneth C. Walker
	Casper G. Woodcock

ANNUAL REPORT

THE

Annual Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

December 31, 1950

OF

WESTON

VERMONT

including

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN
LIBRARY TRUSTEES
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
VITAL STATISTICS
CEMETERY COMMISSION
FIRE DEPARTMENT
AUDITORS' REPORT
TOWN MAP

Weston

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF

Weston, Vermont

For the Year Ending December 31st, 1950

Last year's Town Report received the following award:

CERTIFICATE

of

OUTSTANDING MERIT

awarded to the

TOWN OF WESTON

in recognition of its superior standards of informing citizens and taxpayers about municipal activities and of providing them an effective basis to appraise the value of services furnished by local officials, elective and appointive, as displayed in their official

TOWN REPORT

competing in the

1950

New England Municipal Report Competition

of the

NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL

Taxes

GRAND LIST		\$ 3,113.25
Real Estate	\$ 2,471.95	
Personal Estate	417.30	
Polls	224.00	
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	\$ 3,113.25	
TAX RATE		6.00
Highway	1.15	
School	2.35	
Town	2.20	
Debt Reduction	.30	
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	\$ 6.00	
Old Age Assistance	\$ 2.50	
Taxes Raised		\$19,239.50
Real and Personal	\$17,335.50	
224 Polls @ \$6.00	1,344.00	
224 Old Age @ \$2.50	560.00	
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	\$19,239.50	
Unassessed Taxes		280.10
Property, H. C. Jaquith Co.	\$ 237.60	
5 Polls @ \$6.00	30.00	
5 Old Age Asst. @ \$2.50	12.50	
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	\$ 280.10	
TOTAL TAXES		\$19,519.60

NOTE:—Taxes on the mill of the H. C. Jaquith Co. were abated at a Special Town Meeting. The Jaquith Co., however, expressed the desire to pay taxes on this property, and did so for the year 1950.

Accounted for as follows:

Taxes Collected		\$17,558.13
Property	\$15,799.03	
Property, H. C. Jaquith Co.	237.60	
Polls	1,044.00	
Old Age Asst.	435.00	
Polls and Old Age Asst. unassessed	42.50	
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	\$17,558.13	
Discounts Allowed		593.72
Delinquent		1,367.75
Real	\$ 747.90	
Personal	194.85	
Polls	300.00	
Old Age Asst.	125.00	
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	\$ 1,367.75*	
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		\$19,519.60

*Delinquent taxes collected before the end of the year totalled \$467.45, leaving as of Dec. 31, 1950 \$900.30, as shown in Schedule 1.

Financial Statement

Dec. 31, 1950

GENERAL FUND

Assets

		Comparison with last yr.
	Exhibit A	Dec. 31, 1949
Cash (Exhibit B)	\$ 1,053.29	\$ 137.34
Due from State of Vermont	5,815.72	7,141.38
Due Cemetery Acc't (Schedule 6)	71.50	69.00
Delinquent Taxes (Schedule 1)	2,391.36	2,379.24
Total Assets	\$ 9,331.87	\$ 9,726.96
DEFICIT	\$26,168.13	\$23,371.53
	\$35,500.00	\$33,098.49

Liabilities

Borrowed Money Orders Payable (Schedule 2)	\$35,500.00	\$32,000.00
Outstanding Orders	0.00	1,098.49
Total Liabilities	\$35,500.00	\$33,098.49

Other Town Assets

Mill's Real Estate	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Town Equipment:		
Road Scraper	180.00	210.00
Old Truck & Plow	420.00	490.00
New Truck & Plow	3,000.00	3,500.00
Fire Truck	1,840.00	2,070.00
	\$ 5,590.00	\$ 6,420.00

All values are depreciated either 10% of the original cost, or 10% of the estimated worth as entered in the Town Report for 1946.

SCHOOL FUND

Assets

	Exhibit A	Comparison with last yr. Dec. 31, 1949
Cash (Exhibit B)	\$ 7,095.32	\$ 6,337.55
Due from Leased Land	0.00	0.00
Due from State of Vermont	0.00	0.00
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Total Assets	\$ 7,095.32	\$ 6,337.55

Liabilities

None	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
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Surplus	\$ 7,095.32	\$ 6,337.55

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1950

EXHIBIT B

Receipts

	General Fund	School Fund
Taxes:		
Current	\$10,136.24	\$ 7,421.89
1950 Delinquent, but paid before Dec. 31, 1950	467.55	
Warrants on same	2.55	
Delinquent 1944-1949	648.89	
Delinquent prior to 1944	98.40	
Borrowed Money Orders	8,000.00	
From State of Vermont:		
Highway	8,330.13	
(\$7,141.38 was due 1949)		
Education		6,841.92
Green Mt. National Forest	421.65	683.35
Bounty on Porcupines	68.50	
Lease Money	33.75	44.30
Road Commissioner, use of Town Trucks	333.80	
Cemetery—payment of 1949 advance	69.00	
Dog Licenses	193.00	
Miscellaneous	72.20	
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Total Receipts	\$28,875.66	\$14,991.46
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1950	137.34	6,337.55
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TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$29,013.00	\$21,329.01

Disbursements

	General Fund	School Fund
Town General Expenses (Schedule 3)	\$12,971.02	
Highway Expenses (Schedule 4)		
Winter Roads	\$3,222.87	
Town Roads	2,886.86	
State Aid Roads -		
Retreatment	1,463.02	
Resurfacing	1,052.29	
State Aid Town Roads	4,663.47	
	<hr/> 13,288.51	
Poor Account (Schedule 5)	1,700.18	
School Directors (Schedule 7)		\$14,233.69
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Total Disbursements	\$27,959.71	\$14,233.69
 TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	 \$29,013.00	 \$21,329.01
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	27,959.71	14,233.69
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Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1950	\$ 1,053.29	\$ 7,095.32

Delinquent Taxes, 1950

Schedule 1

Poll and Old Age Assistance

Ballantine, Clarence R.	\$ 8.60
Ballantine, Nancy G.	8.60
Blanchard, Carlos E.	8.60
Blanchard, Virginia D.	8.60
Colburn, Clara D.	8.60
Colburn, Hugh W.	8.60
DeCell, Ervin J.	8.60
Drohan, Elizabeth L.	8.60
Drohan, Thomas F.	8.60
Hart, Carroll P.	8.60
Hart, Harry A.	8.60
Hart, Hugh A.	8.60
Hart, John Francis	8.60
Johnson, Anthony F.	8.60
Johnson, Arthur	8.60
Johnson, Edward M.	8.60
Johnson, Frank	8.60
Johnson, Mathilda	8.60
Main, Edward C.	8.60
Malone, Frederick S.	8.60
Malone, Marilyn	8.60
Parker, Bernard E.	8.60
Parker, Joseph F.	8.60
Parker, Julia N.	8.60
Taylor, Clinton J.	8.60
Thibodeau, Joseph R.	8.60
Thibodeau, Rachel	8.60
Willis, Elmer E.	8.60
Willis, Frank J.	8.60
Willis, Martha M.	8.60

\$258.00

Property Taxes

Clark, Clarence J.	\$ 3.05	
DeCell, Ervin J.	58.25	
DeCell, Lowell G.	6.05	
Dow Est., Ella H.	9.05	
Drohan, Thomas F. & Elizabeth L.	60.05	
Hart, John C.	6.95	
Hart, Pearl A.	21.10	
Hart, John Francis	3.05	
Heselton & Cherbonneau	12.05	
Johnson, Frank	146.80	
Johnson, Thomas Rogers	6.05	
Jelley & Everleth	33.05	
Kahn, Maurice	3.05	
Manley & Duling (Manley half)	10.55	
Main, Edward C.	36.70	
Parker, Joseph & Julia	1.55	
Parker, Ella M.	12.05	
Taylor, Clinton J.	60.05	
Thibodeau, Joseph & Rachel	72.05	
Thibodeau, Rachel	6.05	
Tiraboschi, Frank	9.05	
Willis, Frank & Elmer	70.00	
		<hr/> 646.60
		<hr/> \$904.60
Warrants		4.30
Total Net Delinquent Taxes		<hr/> \$900.30

DUE ON PREVIOUS TAX BILLS

Year	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1950	Collected during 1950	Abated in 1950	Uncollected Dec. 31, 1950
1944	\$ 229.74	\$ 53.12	\$ 22.85	\$ 153.77
1945	107.79	19.67	.....	88.12
1946	207.64	18.67	6.35	182.62
1947	166.98	59.48	14.70	92.80
1948	615.25	138.10	45.10	432.05
1949	905.85	359.85	8.60	537.40
1950	See above table, schedule 1			900.30
			Warrants	4.30
	<hr/> \$ 2,233.25	<hr/> \$ 648.89	<hr/> \$ 97.60	<hr/> \$2,391.36

NOTE:—It is the practice of the auditors not to include among the assets, as listed in Exhibit A, any taxes which have remained unpaid for more than seven years.

Of these taxes delinquent for over seven years there was collected during 1950 the sum of \$98.40, as shown in Exhibit B.

Borrowed Money Orders Payable

Outstanding on Dec. 31, 1950

Schedule 2

Ellen T. Sheppard, Order C	\$ 750.00	
Ann T. Sheppard, Order D	750.00	
Jane W. Jaquith, Order N	500.00	
Perley R. Simonds, Order E	1,500.00	
Perley R. Simonds, Order G	1,500.00	
Rosa N. Benson, Order H	1,000.00	
Harry Peck, Order O	3,000.00	
Henry & Rosetta Hart, Orders V & X	2,000.00	
Jane W. Jaquith, Order W	1,500.00	
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		\$12,500.00
National Bank of Chester		5,000.00
Vermont Savings Bank		18,000.00
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Total (See Exhibit A)		\$35,500.00

TRANSACTIONS DURING 1950

Borrowed from Vermont Savings Bank	\$8,000.00	
Paid Vermont Savings Bank	4,000.00	
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Increase	\$4,000.00	
Paid National Bank of Chester	500.00	
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Total increase	\$3,500.00	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1950	32,000.00	
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Total Outstanding Dec. 31, 1950	\$35,500.00	

Town General Expenses

Schedule 3

Assessments

Old Age Assistance Taxes, Vt.	\$515.25	
Vt. Agric. Extension Service	42.84	
Windsor County Jail	91.04	
	<hr/>	\$ 649.13

Borrowed Money—Interest on 832.51

Borrowed Money—Payments on 4,500.00

Buildings and Grounds

Insurance—Town Office Bldg.	38.42	
Janitors:		
E. A. Bolster	\$ 4.00	
R. Hammond	29.00	
Wallace Drury	16.00	
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Kerosene—Town Hall 13.21

Lighting—Buildings & Streets,
Cent. Vt. Public Service 253.35

Repairs & Upkeep:

Arch. & Blders, locks for Town Hall	36.75	
Arch. & Blders, furnace for Town Hall	212.92	
A. Fred Bauer, repairs	37.78	
H. L. Simonds, care of clock	15.00	
Lilla Pease, cleaning	4.55	
George Marshall, window repair	5.60	
Town Clock Repairs	25.00	
Mowing Town Office Lawn	24.90	
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Town Dump

Williams Bros.,		
bulldozer	\$71.50	
Otis Hart, cleaning up	16.00	
Herman Foster,		
cleaning up	4.00	
Fred Gabert, tend-		
ing fire	13.60	
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\$821.58

Cemeteries—See Schedule 6

363.20

Equipment

Gas, Oil, Supplies

Dubois Service Station	\$565.80	
Fay Gabert	8.22	
Howe Bros., snow plow		
supplies	61.62	
Empire Steel & Tool Co.		
plow blade	42.68	
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Housing—Harry Peck, fire truck 144.00

Insurance:

A. G. Follette, Chev.		
truck	63.85	
A. G. Follette, fire		
truck	53.64	
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Registration—3 trucks 30.00

Repairs & Upkeep

Otis Hart	60.10
Francis Hart	3.20
Harrison Sherman	9.60
Hugh Benson	63.30
Howe Bros.	106.73
Henry Hart, welding	26.40

C. H. Wiley	\$31.25	
M. F. Benson	250.00	
South End Garage	20.92	
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Miscellaneous:

Stowell Corp., repairs to Selmer's truck after bridge accident	296.54	
Misc. supplies	62.33	
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\$1,900.18

Extra Highway Expenses

Bridge Repairs	234.20	
Bulldozer on Foster bank	147.00	
H. C. Jaquith, bridge supplies	164.41	
Scraping Landgrove road	35.00	
F. Gabert, drawing culverts	20.00	
Flood damage	63.00	
Vt. Sand & Gravel Co., sand	189.41	
Int. Salt Co., salt	57.60	
Casper Woodcock, gravel	2.10	
	<hr/>	912.72

Lease Money to Churches

Methodist Church	18.87
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Library—Wilder Memorial Appropriation 300.00**Prior Years Outstanding Orders Paid**

1949 Orders	913.61
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Porcupines—Bounty on 62.50**Salaries**—Town Officers

Auditors		
Lois Benson	10.00	
A. Z. Boothby	10.00	
P. Marshall	10.00	
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Election—Ballot officers, clerks

E. A. Bolster	\$8.00	
J. C. Hutchinson	8.00	
Lucy Hutchinson	8.00	
Etta Roberts	9.00	
Florence Simonds	9.00	
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		\$42.00

Listers

Walter Austin	85.00	
Percy Foster	87.50	
A. W. Fuller	47.50	
Casper Woodcock	50.00	
Edmund Gabert	89.07	
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		359.07

Physicians reporting births and deaths 1.75

Selectmen & Moderator

J. C. Hutchinson,		
moderator	12.00	
Fay Gabert	10.00	
A. G. Follette	10.00	
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		32.00

Town Clerk—F. J. Parkhurst 100.00

Town Treasurer

Fannie J. Parkhurst	125.00	
Tax bills & postage,		
supplies	63.98	
F. J. Parkhurst,		
collecting taxes	175.58	
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		364.56

Miscellaneous

E. E. Moore, legal fees	35.00	
State of Vt., state		
audit for year 1948	230.43	
Vt. Accident Ins. Co.,		
insurance on vol.		
firemen	60.00	

Am. Fidelity Co., bonds on town officer & school district	\$65.00	
Paul Richardson, phone	11.22	
Newspaper ads for Special Town Meet- ing	20.00	
Hiland Pease, at- tending tax school in Montpelier	22.50	
2 men tending Bourn fire	15.20	
Community Council, part cost of ad in Vacation Guide	20.00	
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		\$1,408.73

Stationery, Printing, Supplies

Tuttle Publishing Co., Town Reports	213.05	
Property tax books	13.20	
Dog tags	10.79	
Tax notices	17.57	
Lamere, ballots	23.45	
P. M. Parkhurst, misc.	9.93	
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Total paid by Treasurer		\$12,971.02

Highway Expenses

Schedule 4

WINTER ROADS

Under Supervision of Selectmen

Otis Hart, labor, truck, sanding, plowing		\$606.50	
Fred Gabert, hauling sand, plowing, removing snow fence		423.30	
Fernando Parker, labor, plowing, sanding		1,352.20	
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			\$2,382.00
Labor—955½ hrs.			765.70
Francis Hart	245½ hrs.	196.40	
Joseph Parker	62	49.60	
Bernard Parker	40½	32.40	
Harrison Sherman	175½	140.80	
Edward Main	40	32.00	
Hugh Hart	277	221.60	
Frederick Hale	29	24.10	
Herman Foster	60	48.00	
Eugene DeCell	8	6.40	
Edward Johnson	6	4.80	
Nelson Stevens	6	4.80	
Edward Hale	6	4.80	
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	955½	765.70	
Hugh Benson, plowing snow		12.00	
Town of Ludlow, plowing		22.50	
Vt. Sand & Gravel Co., 83 yds. sand		40.67	
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			75.17
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Total Paid by Treasurer			\$3,222.87

TOWN ROADS

Under Supervision of Road Commissioner

Town Truck—235 hrs.		\$ 235.00
Outside Truck—500½ hrs.		471.05
Otis Hart	491½ hrs.	\$462.05
Fernando Parker	9	9.00
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	500½	471.05
Labor—881½ hrs.		705.20
Herman Foster	258½ hrs.	206.80
Francis Hart	98	78.40
Bernard Parker	120	96.00
Fernando Parker	100	80.00
Byron Wilkins	111	88.80
Carlos Blanchard	127	101.60
Hugh Hart	58	46.40
Glenn Hart	9	7.20
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	881½	705.20
F. M. Whelden Store, shears and parts		7.34
Casper Woodcock, 120 yds. gravel		12.00
Berger Metal Culvert Co., culverts		428.82
Treasurer, State of Vermont, man and grader		25.05
Treasurer, State of Vermont, state aid patrol		1,002.40
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Total Paid by Treasurer		\$2,886.86

STATE AID ROADS—RETREATMENT

Under Supervision of Road Commissioner

Outside Truck—96 hrs.		\$ 274.00
Otis Hart	46 hrs.	\$114.00
Fernando Parker	50	160.00
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	96	274.00

Labor—44 hrs.			\$39.00
Herman Foster	38 hrs.	\$33.60	
Otis Hart	6	5.40	
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	44	39.00	
Earl H. Fisher & Son, 160 yds. peastone, 28 yds. sand			381.00
Vermont Sand & Gravel, 4 yds. sand			2.00
J. M. Giddings, moving machinery			49.00
Trimount Bituminous Products—			
2224 gals. oil; 1275 gals. cutback			435.49
State of Vermont—Labor and machinery			282.53
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Total paid by Treasurer			\$1,463.02

RESURFACING

Under Supervision of Road Commissioner

Town Truck			\$ 13.80
Outside Truck—102½ hrs.			319.55
Otis Hart	20½ hrs.	\$69.45	
Roy Chapin	20½	65.60	
Fernando Parker	20½	65.60	
Einar Fabricius	20½	53.30	
Fred Gabert	20½	65.60	
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	102½	\$319.55	
Labor—83 hrs.			66.40
Winslow Hale	21½ hrs.	17.20	
Byron Wilkins	21	16.80	
Herman Foster	22½	18.00	
Glenn Hart	18	14.40	
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	83	\$66.40	

Alonzo W. Fuller, 711 yds. gravel	\$35.55
J. M. Giddings, moving equipment	37.50
Williams Brothers, use of bulldozer	19.50
State of Vermont—labor and machinery	559.99
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Total paid by Treasurer	\$1,052.29

STATE AID ON TOWN ROADS

Under Supervision of Road Commissioner

Town Truck—80 hrs.		\$ 85.00
Outside Truck—562 hrs.		1,105.25
Roy Chapin	29 hrs.	\$92.80
Einar Fabricius	45½	118.30
Fred Gabert	48	153.60
Fernando Parker	80½	259.60
H. B. Selmer	4½	14.40
Otis Hart	354½	466.55
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	562	1,105.25
Labor—669½ hrs.		535.60
Byron Wilkins	37 hrs.	29.60
Winslow Hale	157½	126.00
Carroll Hart	76½	61.20
Herman Foster	190	152.00
Hugh Hart	75	60.00
Carlos Blanchard	119½	95.60
Glenn Hart	14	11.20
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	669½	535.60
Alonzo Fuller, gravel		69.80
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts		199.68
Berger Metal Culvert Co., culverts		496.40
Vt. Explosive Co., explosives		66.37

Williams Bros., bulldozer 61 hrs.	\$396.50
J. M. Giddings, moving stone crusher	37.50
Treasurer, State of Vt., equipment and labor	1,671.37
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Total Paid by Treasurer	\$4,663.47

COMPLETE HIGHWAY EXPENSES

Total of all road accounts	\$13,288.51	
Extra Highway expenses	912.72	
This item is already entered in Town General Expenses, but is placed here in order to arrive at an accurate total cost of all highway maintenance.		
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Total Highway Expenses		\$14,201.23
1950 Highway Aid Received from State	\$1,188.75	
1950 Highway Aid due from State	5,815.72	
	<hr/>	7,004.47
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Total Net Highway Cost		\$7,196.76
In 1949 this figure was	\$7,272.41	
In 1948 this figure was	8,163.41	
In 1947 this figure was	6,964.42	

Vermont Department of Social Welfare

Montpelier, Vermont

In accordance with established custom, we are presenting a summary of State assistance payments during 1950 to individuals applying from Weston.

These payments are financed entirely from State and Federal sources except Aid to Dependent Children in which the town or city participates to the extent of $12\frac{1}{2}$ percent and committed children for whom the municipality reimburses the State for one-half the cost. The cost of all programs continues to reflect the economic consequences of the devaluation of the American Dollar.

Approximately 80 percent of all welfare and assistance in Vermont is paid by the State. Vermont has proportionately fewer individuals receiving aid and smaller average payments than the National average. Ninety-six cents out of each public assistance dollar is paid to recipients and only four cents is used for administration. No other State has a better record.

Old Age Assistance	\$4,314.00
Aid to the Blind	540.00
Aid to Dependent Children	2,408.00
Adult Crippled Aid
Committed Children	110.00
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Total	\$7,372.00

W. ARTHUR SIMPSON,

Commissioner.

Overseer of Poor

Schedule 5

Under Supervision of Einar N. Fabricius

For Dependents in Springfield, Vt.	\$ 870.00
Town of Arlington, Vt.	303.18
Public Welfare Dept., for dependents in Weston	350.92
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	\$1,524.10
Add—1949 Outstanding Orders Paid	176.08
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Total Paid by Treasurer	\$1,700.18

Cemetery Account

Schedule 6

\$300.00 is allotted annually by statute to the Cemetery Commission. In 1950 \$291.70 was spent.

In addition, \$71.50 was expended on the upkeep of the many individual plots. This money comes from the various savings accounts, set up by the different individuals or families, as shown on the following pages. However, the interest is not withdrawn until after January 1st, so that the Selectmen advance the necessary funds during the year, and are repaid when the interest money is received.

Adding these two figures together gives a total of \$363.20, which is the amount which was spent in 1950 on the cemeteries.

	Original Cemetery Funds	Cemetery Funds After 1949 Withdrawals	Interest Earned 1950	Interest Withdrawals To be Made See Sched. 6	Balance
Old Cemetery Fund.....	\$ 500.00	\$ 507.61	\$ 10.19	\$ 4.50	\$ 513.30
Johnson & Burton.....	100.00	110.50	2.21	0.00	112.71
Spaulding & Pease.....	100.00	112.61	2.25	2.50	112.36
Eben C. Shattuck.....	100.00	117.95	2.36	2.25	118.06
James A. & Florence J. Parkhurst.....	100.00	122.07	2.45	1.00	123.52
Elizabeth A. Wilkinson.....	200.00	254.50	5.11	2.75	256.86
Emma C. Peabody.....	50.00	56.48	1.13	1.50	56.11
Teresa Stephens.....	100.00	121.00	2.43	1.25	122.18
Rollin B. & Susan E. Jaquith.....	150.00	166.71	3.34	4.00	166.05
Will E. & Lucy M. Benson.....	150.00	162.50	3.26	2.00	163.76
Eli S. & Mary J. Marble.....	100.00	110.71	2.21	1.25	111.67
Alfred & Nora Richardson, & George E. Coleman.....	300.00	314.06	6.31	3.00	317.37
Arvis C. Kile.....	50.00	51.70	1.03	1.00	51.73
Parker T. Shattuck.....	200.00	226.18	4.54	2.50	228.22
Anna J. Wilkinson.....	100.00	106.33	2.13	1.50	106.96
William H. & Jennie A. Sheppard.....	200.00	214.60	4.30	2.75	216.15
Abbie Jane Rideout.....	100.00	107.24	2.15	1.50	107.89
Joseph & Emma Gabert.....	100.00	102.62	2.05	1.50	103.17
George E. Benson.....	100.00	103.01	2.07	2.50	102.58
Alva T. & Hattie Smith.....	50.00	50.83	1.01	1.50	50.34
Edgar S. & Annie Woodward.....	125.00	141.17	2.83	2.00	142.00
Ephraim Richmond.....	100.00	107.31	2.15	2.75	106.71
Leon Monnier.....	50.00	52.01	1.04	1.00	52.05
Chester E. & Mary I. Carver.....	100.00	102.38	2.05	2.50	101.93
John Q. A. Cragin.....	100.00	102.86	2.05	2.50	102.41
John Tenney.....	100.00	102.86	2.05	1.75	103.16
Randall & Minerva Clayton.....	100.00	102.86	2.05	1.50	103.41
Peck Fund.....	300.00	307.34	6.17	2.50	311.01
Willis K. & Martha B. Smith.....	200.00	218.46	4.38	0.00	222.84

John L. & Sarah M. Drury.....	300.00	306.97	6.16	2.50	310.63
Oscar A. & Philetta M. Pease.....	100.00	102.84	2.05	2.00	102.89
William W. & Nancy Manning, & Benjamin F. & Francelia Shattuck.....	200.00	203.68	4.08	3.00	204.76
W. W. Fenn.....	100.00	102.58	2.05	1.50	103.13
William & Betsey Davis.....	200.00	202.83	4.06	3.00	203.89
George H. & Nettie E. Coburn.....	100.00	102.54	2.05	.75	103.84
Frederick & Pearl F. McKinstry.....	100.00	100.67	2.01	1.50	101.18
J. M. & Lucy Taylor.....	100.00	100.90	2.01	0.00	102.91
Harry C. & Jennie Peck.....	200.00	200.00	2.00	0.00	202.00
Willie J. Westine.....	100.00	100.00	.17	0.00	100.17
	\$5,525.00	\$5,879.47	\$113.94	\$71.50	\$5,921.91

Report of the Weston Cemetery Commission

Your Cemetery Commission has again fulfilled the purposes for which it was elected; in that during the past year the properties under its jurisdiction were not only maintained in a neat condition, but in the case of the Village Cemetery, actual improvements were made in the form of additional grading for specific sections.

Fences were rebuilt where required and damaged headstones repaired and the mowing was done in good season. In those cases where trust funds were available for the care of individual plots, Ned Bolster gave them his kindly attention—all of which has resulted in cemetery properties maintained in a fitting condition for this quiet community.

Report of the Weston Fire Department

During 1950 the Fire department answered alarms for eight chimney fires, three dwelling fires, one oil-stove fire and one auto fire. We were also called out twice to extinguish fires at the town Dump.

Using funds contributed during the year, we purchased 10 helmets, 6 raincoats, 2 oxygen masks, and replaced 300 feet of garden hose with one inch high pressure booster tank hose, including fog nozzle and applicator.

We decided not to build a fire house at this time. Mr. Harry Peck agreed to continue to rent a part of his garage to the Town for storage of the fire equipment. A verbal agreement of sale, made with Mrs. Martha Walker and Mr. Kenneth Walker, for land upon which the fire house was to have been built was cancelled by mutual agreement.

We are again indebted to our neighboring fire companies of Londonderry, South Londonderry and Landgrove for their timely assistance at the Willcox fire. Miss Maisie Johnson and her staff at the South Londonderry telephone office continue to be the core of our fire alarm system.

IN CASE OF FIRE:

- 1) Ring Operator
(Clear busy line by saying
"EMERGENCY FIRE")
- 2) Give Operator your name and location of fire.
- 3) Hang up (so Operator can ring others on your line.)

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID SEELEY, Chief.

Report of Supt. of Schools

To the Citizens of the Town of Weston:

During the present school year a series of exploratory meetings have been held throughout the state for the purpose of discussing Union High School Districts. There were twenty-five meetings held in the state, attended by four hundred and fifty-one lay people and school officials. Two such meetings were held in this area, one in Townshend and one in Chester.

These meetings being of an exploratory nature did not reach definite conclusions in regard to the solution of the problem of union high school districts; however, certain conclusions might be drawn based on the thoughts expressed by the people attending these meetings:

(1) All high schools in this area are at present filled to capacity or crowded. (Windsor High School is the only exception.)

(2) There are better educational advantages in the Union High School District, because of larger faculties consequently reducing the pupil-teacher load and enriching the course offerings.

(3) Towns not maintaining high schools are not conscious of the serious housing shortages now facing high school towns and have not done anything except pay a tuition which is lower than the actual cost of education. The average high school tuition rate in this area was \$172 for the school year 1950-51. The actual cost of education averaged \$201 for the school year 1949-50. Besides the great differential between the tuition rate and the actual cost of education, towns with high schools have made and will need to continue to make large capital investments in buildings and improvements.

(4) More study is needed before Union High School Districts are formed and the non-high school towns should participate in this study.

(5) Transportation is vital to high school attendance. Though the Legislative Program of the State Board of Education includes

a recommendation that, "Section 4361 of the Vermont Statutes be amended to authorize the payment of high school transportation by the board of school directors without the necessity of a special vote of the town school district", it would not seem that this is the answer to the problem.

It would seem that the voters of the town would need to accept the responsibility for the transportation of high school pupils and be willing to provide the necessary funds.

(6) There is a strong desire on the part of towns maintaining small high schools to continue their operation.

"The cost of the relatively limited educational offering in high schools of under one hundred pupils averaged \$282.49 per pupil in 1948-1949, while in larger schools (over two hundred) it was possible to offer a distinctly richer program at an average cost of only \$207.68 per pupil." (Biennial Report—State Board of Education)

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

The legislative program of the State Board of Education includes the following proposals which directly affect your schools:

(1) Aid for Reorganization.

There is need for an act to provide financial assistance to school districts in construction of school buildings, which will require prior approval of plans by the State Department of Education and encourage the formation of larger school districts in order that all state money may be used to the best advantage.

(2) Aid for Construction.

There is need for clarification and amendment of No. 94 of the Acts of 1949 relating to empowering union high school districts to construct buildings and issue bonds. Such amendment should make clear the procedure by which a union high school district can authorize a bond issue and should provide for apportionment of capital costs among the towns comprising the district.

(3) Audit of School District Books.

In view of the fact that state aid is calculated on the basis of information submitted in the annual statistical report after the close of the fiscal year, June 30th., an audit of the town school district books at that time should be required by law.

(4) School Period Covered by March Tax Levy.

There is some confusion as to the period for which the tax levy voted annually in March is to provide. This should be clarified by an amendment to V. S. 4415 as amended by No. 104 of the Acts of 1949.

(5) Handling of the School Deficit.

The law with regard to the deficit (V. S. 3563) gives rise to a considerable amount of confusion. It is hereby urged that the law be clarified as to, a definition of "ordinary expenses", the time of the liquidation of the deficit, and provision for handling the deficit originally incurred by a change of the school fiscal year.

(6) School Year.

It is recommended that the school year be defined in law as 180 days of actual school. The school year in the Windsor Southwest District is 175 days.

(7) State Aid.

It is hereby recommended that the date of payment of state aid to the town school districts be changed to December 1st. by suitable amendment to No. 104 of the Acts of 1949. At the present time our state aid is received after December 15th. The change in date would eliminate some borrowing now necessitated by the present date.

An Immediate Need

Our greatest immediate need is for school directors to extend an invitation to our lay groups to participate in a thorough study of the problems relating to elementary and secondary education. The goals of such a program are improved instruction and better services to the children and the community.

The purpose of such a committee, which would have no legal status, would be to study the problems of curriculum, housing, transportation and similar problems affecting our schools. All problems being studied from the point of educational need and economic justification.

The time has come when many people feel that our smaller schools do not fulfill the educational needs of our pupils or can they be justified economically.

Very few of our small towns can afford the educational plants which the increased enrollments necessitate, others cannot afford to maintain a good educational program for the small enrollments they have at the present time.

The study of school problems will necessitate crossing our present school district borders and cooperating with similar committees in other towns.

"Taking advantage of Nos. 92 and 95 of the Acts of 1949, the town school districts of Chittenden, Mendon, and Pittsford have contracted together to establish the Barstow Joint District. In the opinion of the board of directors, the operation of the school has been of distinct advantage, both educationally and financially, to the town school districts involved."

If the purpose of our public school system is to educate the individual for usefulness it is essential that we have well qualified teachers working under favorable conditions. The schools of the Windsor Southwest District are staffed with capable teachers working with better than average equipment and supplies. We do not need to apologize for any lack in these respects. We do however realize that in many cases our schools are under-staffed and that we must enlarge our present school plants to more fully meet the educational needs of our children.

We should work for the establishment of schools in school districts which can be organized and administered more effectively than those now in existence.

School Enrollment

The following is the grade and school enrollment, as of January 1, 1951:

School	Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Bennett		6	6	3	3					18
Village		6	6	5	7	11	7	8	4	54

Cost of Absence from School

Excused absence, absence because of illness, cannot be avoided. Much of our school absence however is unexcused and could and should be avoided. Absence is expensive, not only because it represents an instructional loss but also because every absence reduces our State Aid for Education.

State Aid is based on the average daily attendance of pupils. Each day a pupil is absent from school your school district loses forty cents in State Aid. Forty cents is not a large sum of money but last year absence cost your town school district \$700.00.

In closing my annual report I would like to express my appreciation to the Citizens of Weston, the Weston Parent-Teachers Association, the Board of School Directors and our teachers for their support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. NASON,

Superintendent of Schools.

Report of Weston School Board

1950

SCHEDULE 7

Balance Jan. 1, 1950.....	\$ 6,337.55
Receipts during 1950.....	14,991.46
Total Money Available.....	\$21,329.01
Disbursements during 1950.....	14,233.69
Balance Jan. 1, 1951.....	\$ 7,095.32

ESTIMATED COST

From July 1, 1951 to July 1, 1952

Teachers.....	\$ 6,200.00
Directors (salary and expenses).....	50.00
Superintendent (salary, travel, office).....	450.00
Secondary Tuition.....	3,040.00
Textbooks.....	200.00
Instructional Supplies.....	250.00
Library Books and Magazines.....	25.00
Music Education.....	20.00
Visual Education.....	110.00
Health Services.....	20.00
Janitors' Services.....	550.00
Janitors' Supplies.....	37.00
Fuel.....	400.00
Lights.....	110.00
Furniture.....	108.00
Transportation.....	2,520.00
Insurance.....	75.00
Repairs.....	150.00
Miscellaneous.....	35.00
Improvements.....	350.00
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	\$14,700.00

ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS

State Aid for Education.....	\$ 6,300.00
State Aid for Rural School Improvements.....	45.00
U. S. Forests.....	750.00
Lease Land.....	45.00
Local School Tax.....	7,560.00
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	\$14,700.00

Grand List \$3,600.00

Proposed Tax Rate \$2.10 Present Rate \$2.35

School Tax Receipts \$7,560.00

H. G. MAC DONALD,
FLORENCE SIMONDS,
CHAS. H. FOSTER,
Directors.

**Comparative School Receipts and Expenditures for Five Years
as Reported July 1, of each year**

	July 1, 1945 to July 1, 1946	July 1, 1946 to July 1, 1947	July 1, 1947 to July 1, 1948	July 1, 1948 to July 1, 1949	July 1, 1949 to July 1, 1950
Receipts:					
Past July Bal....	-\$532.73	-\$1,120.27	-\$2,168.44	\$254.34	-\$1,036.34
Lease taxes.....	60.85	82.85	46.48	41.47	55.15
School Taxes....	4,370.38	4,396.61	6,197.70	7,478.56	7,784.49
Extra tax 50c....	.....	.....	1,625.78	.....	.....
Green Mt. Nat. Forest receipts	790.56	656.07	1,065.38	1,043.25	683.35
Tuition.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
State Aid for education.....	2,077.70	1,905.67	3,434.67	3,722.20	6,354.89
State Aid for re- pairs and impr.	.....	400.00	576.06	.....	358.17
H. A. Pease, junk sold.....	.....	1.00	.....	1.00	.....
School Repair Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Books Lost or Sold	19.06	.45	.....	.....	5.90
Lewis Parkhurst, playground equip.	120.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bennett P. T. A..	237.89	.....	12.00	.....	.....
Island Schoolhouse	.....	400.00	.....	.....	.....
Other Towns....	.....	50.00	6.85	.....	25.00
Weston 8th Grade	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.00
Total.....	\$7,143.71	\$6,772.38	\$10,796.48	\$12,540.82	\$15,269.95
Balance.....	-\$1,120.27	-\$2,168.44	\$ 254.34	-\$1,036.34	\$ -137.53
Expenditures:					
Teachers.....	\$3,640.00	\$3,729.00	\$4,776.77	\$5,778.88	\$5,848.00
Directors.....	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	35.00
Supervision.....	277.08	340.11	433.74	411.84	415.83
Tuition.....	675.00	975.00	1,700.00	1,699.99	2,833.33
Books.....	386.87	192.99	166.96	243.38	200.34
Supplies.....	105.51	287.08	257.96	388.16	269.42
Library Books..	.....	.....	.....	59.02	23.05
Health.....	.....	.....	.....	20.46	24.16
Janitors.....	384.50	500.00	490.00	480.00	482.00
Janitors' Supplies	16.34	18.19	32.72	94.03	54.79
Fuel.....	500.48	479.78	418.93	395.65	155.06
Lights.....	57.17	58.04	90.69	97.87	83.17
Furniture.....	4.40	569.72	63.38	101.21	16.79
Transportation..	1,274.80	1,269.20	1,697.50	3,076.00	2,547.12
Insurance.....	67.32	45.87	38.72	45.87	49.89
Repairs and Improvements	772.30	336.99	263.35	523.18	1,260.89
Miscellaneous...	72.21	108.85	81.42	131.62	72.30
Total.....	\$8,263.98	\$8,940.82	\$10,542.14	\$13,577.16	\$14,371.14

Wilder Memorial Library

RECEIPTS

Balance from last year	\$103.65
Interest	125.00
Gift	100.00
Town Appropriation	300.00
Fines	8.00
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	\$636.65

EXPENDITURES

Grace B. Cram, Librarian	\$156.00
Janitor	21.50
Kerosene	132.04
Lights	19.75
Books	14.81
Magazines	32.85
Insurance	22.72
Bank service charges & check book	2.70
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	402.37
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	\$234.28

During the past year, the circulation of books, including adult and juvenile books and magazines, increased slightly over that of the previous year with a total of 1915 volumes.

The re-instatement of the fine system has furnished a small additional revenue, but has served principally as a check on overdue books. Fines are one cent a day on children's books and two cents a day on adult books.

Fifty-three new books, adult and juvenile, were added including seventeen as gifts from the following donors: Dr. Elizabeth Bigelow, Mrs. Gardner Harding, Mrs. Bertha Lundberg, Mrs. Pendleton Marshall, Alan Martin and Shirley Parkhurst. Any good books, new or old, are welcome additions to your library.

The Book Wagon now comes to us from Brattleboro, instead of Rutland, making several trips during the year. In addition, Miss Bates will send books on special subjects, requested by our borrowers.

Grace B. Cram,
Librarian.

Report of the Selectmen

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES FOR 1951

General Fund

Assessments, not including Old Age Assistance...	\$175.00	
Interest on Borrowed Money.....	850.00	
Discounts Allowed on Taxes.....	625.00	\$1,650.00

Buildings and Grounds:

Fire Insurance.....	73.00	
Janitor Services.....	70.00	
Lighting Buildings and Streets.....	300.00	
Repairs and Upkeep.....	200.00	
Town Dump.....	75.00	
Cemeteries.....	300.00	1,018.00

Equipment:

Housing.....	150.00	
Insurance of Trucks.....	115.00	
Registration.....	30.00	
Gas, Oil and Supplies.....	650.00	
Repairs and Servicing, less credit for truck rent.....	800.00	1,745.00

Wilder Memorial Library.....	300.00
Cutting Brush on Highways.....	200.00

Salaries and Services:

Town Clerk and Treasurer.....	450.00	
Auditors and Selectmen.....	60.00	
Town Officers' Bonds.....	65.00	
Listers.....	150.00	
Miscellaneous Services.....	50.00	
Stationery, Printing, Supplies.....	220.00	995.00

Support of the Poor.....	1,500.00
Winter Maintenance, less State Aid.....	1,500.00
Bridge Repairs.....	400.00

Estimated total of General Fund.....	\$9,308.00
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Approximately \$2.60 on Grand List

Highways

Patrol of State Aid Highways.....	\$1,000.00	
Town Highways, \$25 per Mile matched by state..	\$750.00	
General Maintenance.....	2,000.00	2,750.00
Total Highway Fund.....		\$3,750.00

About \$1.05 on Grand List

HOW THE HIGHWAY STATE AID MONEY WAS SPENT

	Paid by Town	Paid by State	Total
State Aid Highway			
Gravel Resurfacing Route 8 and Ludlow Road.....	\$350.22	\$702.07	\$1,052.29
Resurfacing, Special Fund.....	x	2,500.00	2,500.00
Hard Surface Retreatment.....	488.95	974.07	1,463.02
Patrol Route 8, Ludlow and Chester Road.....	1,002.40	2,004.80 #	3,007.20
Total.....	\$1,841.57	\$6,180.94	\$8,022.51
x and # the state share did not pass through town accounts			

Town Highways Improvement.....	\$524.10	\$4,139.37	\$4,663.47
Total Spent for Summer Highways .	\$2,365.67	\$10,320.31	\$12,685.98

Winter Maintenance

State paid 50-50 up to \$50 per mile on State Aid Roads.....		\$700.50	
State Paid \$25 per mile on Town highways.....		474.00	
Total Spent for Winter Maintenance	\$2,048.37	\$1,174.50	\$3,222.87
Grand Total.....	\$4,414.04	\$11,494.81	\$15,908.85

The following state aid money was available but has been held over until this year—when a similar amount will be added.

½ cent gas tax fund.....	\$1,891.00
State aid construction fund.....	1,300.00
Total.....	\$3,191.00

This money should be used for hard surfacing.

We were fortunate in having the state stone crusher for producing the gravel used the past year. While the crushed gravel is more expensive it will provide smoother and more lasting surface.

ARTHUR G. FOLLETTE,
FAY H. GABERT,
RAYMOND L. BENSON,
Selectmen.

Community Council

The Weston Community Council was organized in May, 1947, as a voluntary agency for helping the various organizations of the town to work together for the good of all. Each organization in town has one or more representatives, according to its membership. During the past year it has broadened its scope to include business enterprises.

Last year it sponsored an ad in the Vermont Vacation Guide; and also planned and put on the Sesqui-centennial Old Home day. Its president and secretary answer many inquiries about Weston. This year it is planning a summer festival for one Saturday in August as a good will get-together for residents and friends of Weston.

Officers: President, Harold G. High

Vice Pres., J. Chester Hutchinson

Secretary, Nancy R. Baird

Treasurer, Alice Johnson

Auditors' Report

The Auditors of Weston make an annual examination of the financial transactions of the many different town officials, satisfy themselves that everything is in proper order, and issue the Town Report so that it will present an accurate picture of the financial condition of the town. It is not among the Auditors' duties to criticize or suggest reforms of any kind. However, the Auditors wish to bring to the attention of all residents of Weston the following figures:

DEFICIT, OR NET INDEBTEDNESS, OF WESTON

1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
\$11,456.75	\$16,973.99	\$23,194.40	\$23,371.53	\$26,168.13

PENDLETON MARSHALL,
 GRACE B. CRAM,
 LOIS M. BENSON,
 Auditors.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS-1950

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Place of Birth
Feb. 2	Gary Orvis Jelley	James Richard Jelley	Gladys Myrtle Campbell	Weston
Feb. 15	William Dennis Gormley	Henry Charles Gormley	Josephine Jane Marusa	Springfield
Aug. 15	Janet Paul Studwell	Edwin Francis Studwell	Gertrude Catherine Paul	Springfield
Aug. 19	Judy Lynn Blanchard	Carlos Edward Blanchard	Virginia Dessie Gabert	Springfield
Sept. 7	Katherine Lee Foster	Charles Herbert Foster	Catherine Elizabeth Waite	Weston
Sept. 17	Cheryl Ann Ballantine	Donald Kenneth Ballantine	Sylvia Hattie DeCell	Springfield
Oct. 26	Denise Carol Ameden	Dennis Guy Ameden	Barbara Jane Foster	Springfield
Nov. 23	Cindy Susan Mary Kemp	Franklin Roy Kemp	Mary Hyrehenuk	Weston
Dec. 24	Dean Foster Goodwin	Charles Marshall Goodwin	Dorothy Marion Foster	Springfield

MARRIAGES-1950

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence	Place of Marriage
April 27	Lyle Curtis Holton, Weston.		Shirley Lois Lackey, Bondville.		Weston

DEATHS - 1950

Date of Death	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Apr. 16	86	7	10
July 2	81	1	15
Oct. 17	89	6	29
Nov. 23	68	10	28
Dec. 13	76		10

Apr. 16 Mary Ann (Jelley) King, daughter of Willis and Ann (Johnson) Hart.
 July 2 Lucy Jane French, daughter of Henry Albert and Eliza Ann (Wiley) Hannum
 Oct. 17 Sarah Stevens Griffin, daughter of Henry and Cornelia (Barker) Stevens
 Nov. 23 Earl Holton, son of Ebenezer J. and Anna (Millard) Holton
 (Died in Winhall, Vermont)
 Dec. 13 Dorothy M. Mitchell, daughter of Patrick and Mary (Norton) Higgins

Weston Weather

Water Precipitation in Inches

	Average 1943-	
	1949, incl.	1950
Jan.	3.22	5.76
Feb.	2.84	3.85
Mar.	3.27	4.30
April	3.55	2.52
May	4.63	2.41
June	4.65	3.46
July	4.78	1.31
Aug.	2.44	4.13
Sept.	3.19	2.82
Oct.	2.75	1.83
Nov.	4.05	4.75
Dec.	2.83	3.00
Total	42.20	40.14

SNOWFALL

Water equivalent is included in above

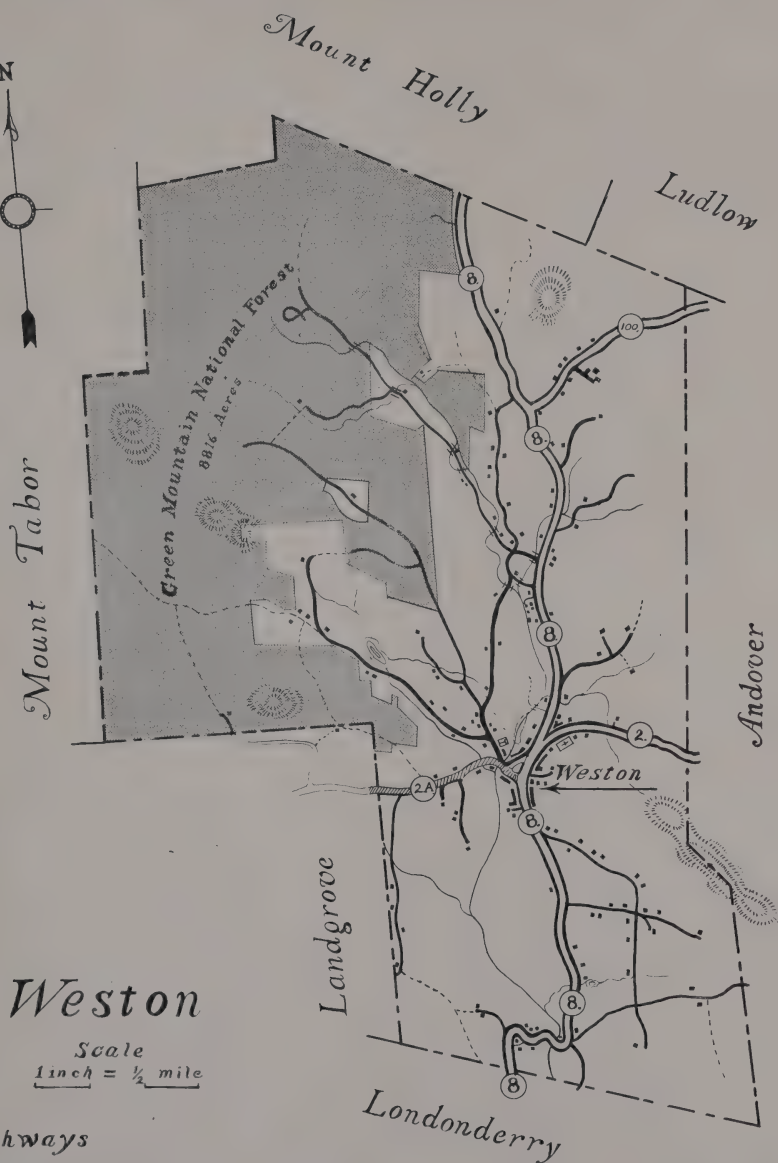
Jan.	24.6	17.0
Feb.	23.0	40.7
Mar.	17.7	16.1
April	6.1	12.7
May	2.6	0.0
Oct.	.4	0.0
Nov.	8.2	5.5
Dec.	14.6	12.5
Total	97.2	104.5

The above figures are as reported to U. S. Weather Bureau from Weston Station.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES 1943-1949

Jan.	18.4
Feb.	19.0
Mar.	31.4
Apr.	40.6
May	52.3
June	62.7
July	66.8
Aug.	64.2
Sept.	57.2
Oct.	45.7
Nov.	34.8
Dec.	21.4
Average	42.9

Temperatures are personal observations of A. G. Follette.



Highways

State Aid Patroled - 8,	9.13 miles
.. .. . 100,	2.00 ..
.. .. . 2,	1.40 ..
.. .. . Not Patroled 2A,	1.51 ..

Based on Vermont Highway Department Map.

WARNING

For Town Meeting and Town School District Meeting

The legal voters in Town and Town School District Meetings in the Town of Weston, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town Hall in the said Town of Weston on Tuesday, the sixth day of March, A. D. 1951, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

1. To elect a moderator and a town clerk for the ensuing year.
2. To act on the report of the auditors.
3. To vote by ballot upon the following questions:
Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this town?
Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this town?
4. To see if the town will authorize and empower the selectmen to appoint one or two road commissioners.
5. To elect all town and town school district officers required by law to be elected at the annual March meeting.
6. To see if the town will vote to pay the taxes to the town treasurer.
7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$275.00, in addition to the \$25.00 required by law, making a total of \$300.00 for the Wilder Memorial Library.
8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to take advantage of State Aid on highways, and if so, how much.
9. To see if the Town School District will vote to pay a maximum of \$190.00 tuition for each pupil attending high school in another district.
10. To see if the Town School District will vote to raise money for the support of its schools.
11. To see if the town will vote to raise money to pay current expenses, support of highways and bridges, and all or any part of its indebtedness.
12. To see if the town will vote to collect taxes on real and personal property in installments.
13. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow money to pay current expenses and any part of the town's indebtedness.
14. To see if the town will vote to bond the town officers as required by law.
15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to have running water and sanitary plumbing installed in the Town Hall.
16. To see if the town will empower the selectmen to sell the so-called Mills property.
17. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$2000.00 or as much thereof as may be needed, for the purpose of hard surfacing route 8 through Weston Village, provided that the State Highway Department will authorize the project, and further provided that the said Highway Department and the Federal Government will furnish the balance of the funds needed for the project: roughly estimated at \$22,000.00.
18. Do our roads need improving? If so, what can be done? Is this a proper time to make the effort? If so, what steps should be taken now?
19. To see if the town will exempt the Weston Playhouse from taxes and if so for how long.
20. To see if the town will exempt the Vermont Guild of Old Time Crafts and Industries from taxes, and if so for how long.
21. To transact any other business necessary and proper to come before the meeting.

ARTHUR G. FOLLETTE,
FAY H. GABERT,
RAYMOND L. BENSON,

Selectmen.

Dated at Weston, Vermont, February 15, 1951.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF

WESTON

VERMONT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1951



THE OLD WESTON ISLAND SCHOOLHOUSE.
(Built 1857)

BRING THIS REPORT TO TOWN MEETING

TOWN OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator—Arthur G. Follette	1952
Town Clerk and Treasurer—Fannie J. Parkhurst	1952
Selectmen:	
Fay H. Gabert	1952
Raymond L. Benson	1953
Alonzo W. Fuller	1954
School Directors:	
Florence M. Simonds	1952
Charles H. Foster	1953
H. Graeme MacDonald	1954
Listers:	
Edmond R. Gabert	1952
Percy A. Foster	1953
Casper G. Woodcock	1954
Auditors	
Grace B. Cram	1952
Lois M. Benson	1953
Carl Oswald (Substituting for Pendleton Marshall)	1954
Library Trustees:	
Pendleton Marshall	1952
Fannie J. Parkhurst	1953
Walter G. Austin	1954
Raymond Taylor	1955
Helen Tuttle	1956
Cemetery Commission:	
Edward A. Bolster	1952
Alonzo W. Fuller	1953
George A. Hansen	1954
Alden A. Proctor	1955
Ryland R. Spaulding	1956

ELECTED ANNUALLY

Constable	None elected in 1951
Collector of Delinquent Taxes	Hiland A. Pease
Overseer of Poor	Einar N. Fabricius
Town Grand Juror	Kenneth C. Walker
Town Agent	Max P. Rust
Sextons	The Selectmen
Fire Chief, elected by Fire Department	Glenn T. Foster

APPOINTED ANNUALLY BY SELECTMEN

Health Officer:	Road Commissioner
Dr. Nelson S. Bigelow	Otis Hart
Forest Fire Warden:	Fence Viewers:
Fred F. Gabert	Hugh J. Foster
Weigher of Coal:	Percy J. Foster
Kenneth C. Walker	Kenneth C. Walker
Tree Warden:	Pound Keepers:
Alonzo W. Fuller	Barney A. Foster
Surveyor of Wood and Lumber:	Elmer Willis
Clyde C. Tuttle	Kenneth C. Walker
Planning Commission:	Casper C. Woodcock
Raymond A. Taylor (Chairman)	1952
Kenneth C. Walker	1953
Pendleton Marshall	1954
Arthur G. Follette	1955

THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF

Weston, Vermont

For the Year Ending December 31st, 1951

The schoolhouse shown on the cover served School District No. 1, usually known as the Island District, which was established before the separation of Weston from Andover in 1800. The interior of the first schoolhouse, of which there seem to be no pictures available, was arranged as an amphitheatre, with the teacher's desk in the well and the seats of the students (they were called scholars in those days) rising sharply on three sides. The present building, erected in 1857, was used both as a school and community center until it was closed about twenty-five years ago. Now, scarcely altered in outward appearance, it serves as a residence.

Taxes

GRAND LIST \$ 3,837.80

Real Estate	\$ 3,076.40
Personal Estate	533.40
Polls	228.00
	\$ 3,837.80

TAX RATE 6.00

Highway	1.00
School	2.10
Town	2.80
Debt Reduction	.10
	\$ 6.00
Old Age Assistance	\$ 2.50

TAXES RAISED \$23,596.80

Real and Personal	\$21,658.80
228 Polls @ \$6.00	1,368.00
228 Old Age Ass't. @ \$2.50	570.00
	\$23,596.80

ACCOUNTED FOR AS FOLLOWS:

Taxes collected	\$21,595.00
Property	\$19,937.50
195 Polls	1,170.00
195 Old Age Ass't.	487.50
	\$21,595.00

Discounts Allowed	\$765.20
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Delinquent	1,236.60
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Real ..	\$852.90
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Personal	103.20
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33 Polls	198.00
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33 Old Age Ass't.	82.50
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\$ 1,236.60

\$23,596.80

Financial Statement

Dec. 31, 1951

GENERAL FUND

Assets

		Comparison with last yr.
	Exhibit A	Dec. 31, 1950.
Cash (Exhibit B)	\$ 639.85	\$ 1,053.29
Due from State of Vermont	3,975.81	5,815.72
Due Cemetery Acc't. (Schedule 6)	104.25	71.50
Delinquent taxes (Schedule 1)	2,595.10	2,391.36
Lease money due	5.00	00.00
Total Assets	\$ 7,320.01	\$ 9,331.87
Deficit	\$25,179.99	\$26,168.13
	\$32,500.00	\$35,500.00

Liabilities

Borrowed Money orders payable	\$32,500.00	\$35,500.00
Outstanding orders	0.00	0.00
Total liabilities	\$32,500.00	\$35,500.00

Other Town Assets

Mills Real Estate	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Town Equipment:		
Road Scraper	150.00	180.00
Old Truck and Plow	350.00	420.00
New Truck and Plow	2,500.00	3,000.00
Fire Truck	1,510.00	1,840.00
	\$ 4,660.00	\$ 6,420.00

All values are depreciated either 10% of the original cost, or 10% of the estimated worth as entered in the Town Report for 1946.

SCHOOL FUND

Assets

	Comparison with last yr. Exhibit A Dec. 31, 1950.	
Cash (Exhibit B)	\$ 9,081.29	\$ 7,095.32
Due from leased lands	2.40	0.00
Due from State of Vermont	0.00	0.00
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Total Assets	\$ 9,083.69	\$ 7,095.32

Liabilities

None	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
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Surplus	\$ 9,083.69	\$ 7,095.32

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1951

EXHIBIT B

Receipts

	General Fund	School Fund
Taxes:		
Current	\$13,535.62	\$ 8,059.38
1951 delinquent	213.30	
Delinquent 1945-1950	670.59	
Delinquent prior to 1945	221.26	
Borrowed Money Orders	18,500.00	
From State of Vermont:		
Highway	7,050.97	
Green Mountain Nat'l Forest	332.74	680.00
Bounties on Porcupines	42.50	
Education		6,489.37
Lease Money	28.75	45.10
Water System at Town Hall	315.53	
Dog Licenses	198.00	
Road Commissioner, use of Town		
Trucks	13.60	
Tuition		116.53
Cemetery payment of 1950 advance	71.50	
Miscellaneous		11.00
Total Receipts	\$41,194.36	\$15,401.38
Cash Balance, Jan. 1, 1951	1,053.29	7,095.32
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$42,247.65	\$22,496.70

Disbursements

	General Fund	School Fund
Town General Expenses (Schedule 3)	\$30,066.91	
Highway Expenses (Schedule 4)		
Winter Roads	\$2,711.00	
Town Roads	2,518.84	
Resurfacing	951.82	
State Aid Town Roads	3,540.88	
	<hr/> 9,722.54	
Poor Account (Schedule 5)	1,818.35	
School Directors (Schedule 7)		13,415.41
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Total Disbursements	\$41,607.80	\$13,415.41
 TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	 \$42,247.65	 \$22,496.70
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	41,607.80	13,415.41
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Cash Balance, Dec. 31, 1951	\$ 639.85	\$ 9,081.29

Delinquent Taxes, 1951

Schedule 1

Poll and Old Age Assistance

Armstrong, Herbert L.	\$ 8.60	
Baker, Jr., Lawrence L.	8.60	
Colburn, Herbert R.	8.60	
Colburn, Margaret	8.60	
*Hale, Rollin R.	8.60	
*Hale, Mildred L.	8.60	
Hart, John C.	8.60	
Hart, Hugh A.	8.60	
Hart, Carroll P.	8.60	
*Hansen, Aline R.	8.60	
*Hansen, George A.	8.60	
Johnson, Anthony F.	8.60	
Johnson, Edward M.	8.60	
Johnson, Frank	8.60	
Johnson, Mathilda	8.60	
McIntyre, Roland S.	8.60	
McIntyre, Violet	8.60	
Parker, Bernard E.	8.60	
Parker, Joseph F.	8.60	
Parker, Julia N.	8.60	
Stevens, Nelson R.	8.60	
Taylor, Clinton J.	8.60	
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		\$189.20

Property Taxes

*Bryan, Richard M.	\$ 4.55	
DeCell, Lowell	6.05	
Dow Est., Ella H.	9.05	
Drohan, Thomas F. & Elizabeth	60.05	
*Farrar, Franklin & Mildred	6.05	
Hart, John C.	6.95	
Hart, Pearl A.	19.55	
Hart, Francis J.	1.55	
Holton Est., Leon C.	16.30	
*Hansen, George A. & Aline	84.05	
Heselton & Cherbonneau	12.05	
*Hazelton, Everett & Grace	1.55	
Johnson, Frank	154.60	
Johnson, Edward M.	4.55	
*Johnson, Thomas Rogers	6.05	
Jelley, Fred	57.10	
Parker, Joseph F. & Julia	1.55	
Taylor, Clinton J.	60.05	
Tiraboschi, Frank	9.05	
Thibodeau, Joseph R. & Rachel	90.05	
Woodcock, Malcolm W. & Doris	72.05	
Willcox, A. M. & Genevieve	150.05	
*Wiggins, Earl L. & Pauline	6.05	
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		\$838.90
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		\$1,028.10
Warrants		3.50
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Total Net Delinquent Taxes		\$1,024.60

NOTE:—Delinquent taxes indicated by (*) have been paid since Jan. 1, 1952 and before going to press.

DUE ON PREVIOUS TAX BILLS

Year	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1951	Collected during 1951	Uncollected Dec. 31, 1951
1945	\$ 88.12	\$ 5.68	\$ 82.44
1946	182.62	12.03	170.59
1947	92.80	29.23	63.57
1948	432.05	66.85	365.20
1949	537.40	159.55	377.85
1950	904.60	397.25	507.35
1951 (see note, Schedule 1)			1,028.10
	<hr/> \$2,237.56	<hr/> \$670.59	<hr/> \$2,595.10

NOTE:—It is the practice of the auditors not to include among the assets, as listed in Exhibit A, any taxes which have remained unpaid for more than seven years.

Of these taxes delinquent for over seven years there was collected during 1951 the sum of \$221.26 as shown in Exhibit B.

Borrowed Money Orders Payable

Outstanding on December 31, 1951

Schedule 2

Ellen T. Sheppard, Order C	\$ 750.00	
Ann T. Sheppard, Order D	750.00	
Jane W. Jaquith, Order N	500.00	
Perley R. Simonds, Order A	3,000.00	
Harry Peck, Order O	3,000.00	
Henry & Rosetta Hart, Orders V & X	2,000.00	
Jane W. Jaquith, Order W	1,500.00	
Ryland R. and Edna Spaulding, Orders Y & Z	2,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$14,000.00
National Bank of Chester		4,500.00
Vermont Savings Bank		14,000.00
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Total (See Exhibit A)		\$32,500.00

TRANSACTIONS DURING 1951

Paid Vermont Savings Bank	\$20,000.00	
Borrowed from Vermont Savings Bank	16,000.00	
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Reduction	4,000.00	
Paid National Bank of Chester	500.00	
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Reduction	4,500.00	
Borrowed Orders Y & Z	\$2,500.00	
Paid Order H	1,000.00	
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Net Increase	1,500.00	
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Total reduction in outstanding obligations	3,000.00	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1951	35,500.00	
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Total Outstanding Dec. 31, 1951	\$32,500.00	

Town General Expenses

Schedule 3

Assessments

Old Age Assistance Taxes	\$513.00	
Vt. Agricultural Service	44.82	
Windsor County Jail	93.40	
	<hr/>	\$ 651.22

Borrowed Money—Interest on 991.85

Borrowed Money—Payments on 21,500.00

Buildings and Grounds

Insurance, Town Office Building	
A. G. Follette	38.42
Insurance, Town Hall, 1950 and	
1951, A. G. Follette	65.60
Janitor Service, Edmond Gabert, Jr.	11.75
Fuel—	
Johnson Fuel Service	
oil, Town Hall	\$66.51
H. C. Jaquith Co.,	
wood, Town Offices	7.00
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	73.51

Lighting Buildings and Streets,
Central Vt. Public Service Corp. 306.98

Repairs and Upkeep

Architects and Builders	102.36
Fred Bauer, plumbing repairs	11.48
Martha Holton, cleaning	4.55
Brown and Hitchcock, pipe and	
labor on furnace	5.55
Geo. Marshall, paint and paint-	
ing Town Offices	74.70
Doane and Edwards, installing	
plumbing in Town Hall	1,400.77

S. R. Young, Inc., installing gas stove and gas	\$29.75	
Harry Hale, mowing lawn	2.70	
Farrar Park Association, mowing Town Office lawn	8.00	
Town Dump		
A. A. Capen, bulldozer	35.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,171.12

Cemeteries—See Schedule 6 304.79

Equipment

Gas, oil and supplies		
Dubois Service Station	171.18	
Brighton Steel Co., snowplow and grader blade	157.55	
Howe Bros., snowplow parts	92.26	
Hedge and Mattheis Co., cable	7.76	
	<hr/>	428.75
Housing Fire Truck: Harry Peck		144.00
Insurance:		
A. G. Follette, Chevrolet truck	61.50	
A. G. Follette, Fire Truck	51.80	
	<hr/>	113.30
Registration, three trucks		30.00
Repairs and Upkeep		
Otis Hart	133.95	
Harrison Sherman	19.20	
Glenn Hart	14.00	
Henry Hart, welding	5.25	
Nelson Stevens	5.00	
Benson's Garage, repairs on Chevrolet truck	864.83	
South End Garage	14.16	
Hunt's Garage	12.50	
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Extra Highway Expense

Town of Ludlow, plowing and gravel	\$7.57
State of Vermont, grader and man	167.50
Fred Gabert, road scraping and culvert repair	20.00
H. C. Jaquith, bridge timbers etc.	227.69
Repairs on town drain	63.76
A. A. DeCell, cutting brush	49.00
Harry LaPlant, cutting brush	37.80
Berger Metal Culvert Co.	337.57
Markham Lane extension to Orton house	
Herman Foster, labor	3.15
Harry LaPlant, labor	3.60
Fred Gabert, drawing gravel	37.65
Glenn Hart, labor	3.60
Otis Hart, gravel and labor	26.30

 \$985.19
Lease Money to Churches

Methodist Church (1951 and 1952)	37.75
Weston Community Church (1950 and 1951)	37.75

 75.50
Library—Wilder Memorial Appropriation

300.00

Porcupines—Bounty on 77

38.50

Salaries**Auditors**

Lois Benson	\$10.00
Grace Cram	10.00
Pendleton Marshall	10.00

 30.00
Election, ballot officers etc.

Roger Holton	12.00
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Listers

Percy Foster	40.00
Edmond Gabert	40.00
Casper Woodcock	40.00

 120.00

Overseer of Poor

Einar Fabricius	\$10.00
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Physicians reporting births and deaths	4.50
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Selectmen

Raymond Benson	10.00
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Fay Gabert	10.00
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20.00

Town Clerk

F. J. Parkhurst	100.00
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Supplies	30.00
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130.00

Town Treasurer—Fannie J. Parkhurst	125.00
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Collecting taxes—F. J. Parkhurst	215.95
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Tax bills, supplies and postage	74.00
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\$741.45
Miscellaneous

Legal fees, E. E. Moore	43.00
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Insurance on Volunteer firemen, Vt. Accident Ins. Co.	60.00
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Bonds for Town Officers, American Fidelity Co.	65.00
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Phone and travel for Overseer of Poor	11.00
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Oxygen cylinder refills for fire truck Greenfield Welding and Supply Company	20.00
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199.00
Stationery, Printing and Supplies

Tuttle Publishing Co., Town Reports	235.37
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Dog Tags	11.72
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Tax Books	16.83
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Supplies, P. M. Parkhurst	59.13
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323.05

Total Paid by Treasurer

\$30,066.91

Highway Expenses

Schedule 4

TOWN ROADS

Under Supervision of Road Commissioner

Truck and Labor—692½ hrs.			\$728.35
Otis Hart	691½ hrs.	\$725.05	
Fred Gabert	1 hr.	3.30	
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	692½ hrs.	728.35	
Labor—630 hrs.			565.25
Glenn Hart	303 hrs.	270.75	
Harry LaPlant	223	198.40	
Hugh Hart	25	25.00	
Edward DeCell	65½	58.95	
Herman Foster	13½	12.15	
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	630 hrs.	565.25	
Casper Woodcock, 45½ yds. gravel @ 10c			4.55
Mrs. Della Harrington, 64 yds. gravel @ 10c			6.40
Berger Metal Culvert Co., culverts			131.50
Treasurer, State of Vermont, use of equipment and operator			80.39
Treasurer, State of Vermont, State Aid Patrol			1,002.40
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Total Paid by Treasurer			\$2,518.84

RESURFACING

Under Supervision of Road Commissioner

Outside Truck—113½ hrs.			286.85
Otis Hart	48 hrs.	78.80	
Fred Gabert	22	72.60	

Robert Buswell	9	\$29.70	
Allen Buswell	9	21.60	
Charles Smith	9	29.70	
Glenn Paige	3½	11.55	
Roy Chapin	13	42.90	
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	113½ hrs.	286.85	
Labor—67 hrs.			\$60.30
Herman Foster	13 hrs.	11.70	
Herbert Ellison	9	8.10	
Harry LaPlant	24	21.60	
Glenn Hart	21	18.90	
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	67 hrs.	60.30	
H. C. Jaquith Co., 6 hrs., bulldozer @ \$6.00			36.00
Alonzo Fuller, 720 yds. gravel			36.00
Treasurer, State of Vermont, use of equipment and labor			532.67
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			\$951.82

STATE AID ON TOWN ROADS

Under Supervision of Road Commissioner

Town Truck—7 hrs.			13.60
Outside Truck—395 hrs.			845.80
Otis Hart	202 hrs.	254.80	
Fred Gabert	46½	153.45	
Roy Chapin	33	108.90	
Glenn Paige	37½	117.00	
Allen Buswell	43½	104.40	
Robert Buswell	32½	107.25	
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	395 hrs.	845.80	

Labor—336 hrs.			\$313.30
Hugh Hart	79	hrs.	\$79.00
Glenn Hart	93		86.70
Harry LaPlant	50		45.00
Herbert Ellison	43½		39.15
Edward DeCell	39½		35.55
Herman Foster	31		27.90
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	336		313.30
Alonzo Fuller, 1649 yds. gravel @ 5c			82.45
H. C. Jaquith Co., 5 hours bulldozer @ \$6.00			30.00
Berger Metal Culvert Co., culverts			568.97
Treasurer, State of Vermont labor and use of equipment			1,686.76
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Total Paid by Treasurer			\$3,540.88

WINTER ROADS

Under Supervision of Selectmen

Otis Hart, labor, truck, sanding, plowing			\$772.65
Fred Gabert, sanding, plowing, putting in culvert			988.56
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			\$1,761.21
Labor—649½ hrs.			541.50
Harrison Sherman	287	hrs.	\$230.50
Frederick Hale	52		41.95
Harry Hale	41		33.35
Edward Hale	23		19.40
Lawrence Baker, Jr.	113		90.40
Robert Hale	76		68.40

Alonzo Fuller	81½	\$8.50	
John Hale	10	10.00	
Glenn Hart	39	39.00	
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	649½ hrs.	541.50	
Town of Landgrove, plowing Dr.			
Mersalis road for 5 years		300.00	
Vermont Sand & Gravel Co., 139			
yds. sand		108.29	
		<hr/>	\$408.29
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Total Paid by Treasurer			\$2,711.00

COMPLETE HIGHWAY EXPENSES

Total of all Road Accounts	\$ 9,722.54	
Extra Highway Expense	985.12	
This item already is entered in Town General Expenses (schedule 3), but is included here in order to arrive at an accurate total cost of all highway maintenance.		
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Total Highway Expenses		\$10,707.73
1951 Highway Aid received from State	\$ 1,235.25	
1951 Highway Aid due from State	3,975.81	
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Total Net Highway Cost		\$ 5,496.67
In 1950 this figure was	\$7,196.76	
In 1949 this figure was	7,272.41	
In 1948 this figure was	8,163.41	
In 1947 this figure was	6,964.42	

Vermont Department of Social Welfare

Montpelier, Vermont

This is our sixteenth annual report to the citizens of the Town of Weston, on State payments in your municipality of various types of assistance and welfare during 1951.

The total number of recipients in the State has declined, but expenditures are larger by reason of increases in the legal monthly maximums authorized by the 1951 Legislature. Funds for the support of these programs were derived from the Federal Government 57.5%, State Government 37.6% and Town of City 4.9%. Total administrative expenses for the four types of Public Assistance were 4.2% and for all programs and services 6.5%, giving Vermont top ranking in the nation for low cost. In Vermont one in six persons over sixty-five receive Old Age Assistance and one in fifty children under the age of eighteen receive Aid to Dependent Children.

None of the assistance programs are pensions. They are paid on the basis of need and in accordance with policies and procedures established under law. Children and parents, in proportion to their ability, have legal as well as moral obligations under the Statutes.

Old Age Assistance	\$4,508.00
Aid to the Blind	570.00
Aid to Dependent Children	3,141.00
Adult Crippled Aid and	
Aid to the Totally and	
Permanently Disabled
Committed Children
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Total	\$8,219.00

W. ARTHUR SIMPSON,
Commissioner.

Overseer of Poor

Schedule 5

Under Supervision of Einar N. Fabricius

Department of Social Welfare, for dependents in Weston	\$343.15
Town of Arlington, Vt.	420.55
Dependents in Springfield, Vt.	1,054.65
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Total Paid by Treasurer	\$1,818.35

Cemetery Account

Schedule 6

J. C. Hart, mowing and raking	\$ 19.50
Archie DeCell, mowing and raking	46.50
Edward Bolster, sharpening mower	4.79
Alonzo Fuller, mowing and raking	106.00
Arthur Johnson, truck and labor	7.50
H. C. Jaquith Co., lumber for fence	16.25
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Total Paid by Treasurer	\$200.54

\$300.00 is allotted annually by statute to the Cemetery Commission. In 1951, the sum of \$200.54 was spent as itemized above. An additional \$104.25 was spent for the upkeep of the many individual plots; this service being provided for by money from various savings accounts set up by individuals or families as shown on the following pages. However, the interest is not withdrawn until after January 1st, so the Selectmen advance the funds and the Town is repaid when the interest money is received.

The above amounts produce the total of \$304.79 which appears in Schedule 3.

	Original Cemetery Funds	Cemetery Funds After 1950 Withdrawals	Interest Earned 1951	Interest Withdrawals To be Made	Balance
Old Cemetery Fund.....	\$500.00	\$513.30	\$10.31	\$5.50	\$518.11
Johnson & Burton.....	100.00	112.71	2.25	3.00	111.96
Spaulding & Pease.....	100.00	112.36	2.25	2.75	111.86
Eben C. Shattuck.....	100.00	118.06	2.37	2.50	117.93
James A. & Florence J. Parkhurst.....	100.00	123.52	2.47	4.50	121.49
Elizabeth H. Wilkinson.....	200.00	256.86	5.15	3.75	258.26
Emma C. Peabody.....	50.00	56.11	1.12	1.50	55.73
Teresa Stephens.....	100.00	122.18	2.45	1.50	123.13
J. M. & Lucy Taylor.....	100.00	102.91	2.05	2.00	102.96
Rollin B. & Susan E. Jaquith.....	150.00	166.05	3.33	6.00	163.38
Will E. & Lucy M. Benson.....	150.00	163.76	3.28	2.50	164.54
Eli S. & Mary J. Marble.....	100.00	111.67	2.23	1.50	112.40
Alfred & Nora Richardson & George E. Coleman.....	300.00	317.37	6.37	3.75	319.99
Arvis C. Kile.....	50.00	51.73	1.03	1.00	51.76
Parker T. Shattuck.....	200.00	228.22	4.58	2.50	230.30
Anna J. Wilkinson.....	100.00	106.96	2.14	2.50	106.60
William H. & Jennie A. Sheppard.....	200.00	216.15	4.34	3.75	216.74
Abbie Jane Rideout.....	100.00	107.89	2.15	2.25	107.79
Joseph & Emma Gabert.....	100.00	103.17	2.07	2.75	102.49
George E. Benson.....	100.00	102.58	2.05	2.75	101.88
Alva T. & Hattie Smith.....	50.00	50.34	1.00	1.00	50.34
Edgar S. & Annie C. Woodward.....	125.00	142.00	2.85	3.75	141.10
Ephraim Richmond.....	100.00	106.71	2.13	3.00	105.84
Leon Monnier.....	50.00	52.05	1.04	1.00	52.09
Chester E. & Mary I. Carver.....	100.00	101.93	2.03	2.50	101.46
John Q. A. Craigin.....	100.00	102.41	2.05	3.00	101.46
John Tenney.....	100.00	103.16	2.07	2.00	103.23
Randall S. & Minerva M. Clayton.....	100.00	103.41	2.07	2.00	103.48
Peck Fund.....	300.00	311.01	6.25	4.50	312.76
Willis K. & Martha B. Smith.....	200.00	222.84	4.47	0.00	227.31

John L. & Sarah M. Drury.....	300.00	310.63	6.23	3.00	313.86
Oscar A. & Philetta M. Pease.....	100.00	102.89	2.05	2.75	102.19
William W. & Nancy Manning, & Benjamin F. & Francella Shattuck.....	200.00	204.76	4.10	4.50	204.36
W. W. Fenn.....	100.00	103.13	2.07	2.25	102.95
William & Betsey Davis.....	200.00	203.89	4.08	3.75	204.22
George H. & Nettie E. Coburn.....	100.00	103.84	2.07	1.00	104.91
Frederick & Pearl F. McKinstry.....	100.00	101.18	2.03	1.50	101.71
Harry C. & Jennie Peck.....	200.00	202.00	4.06	2.50	203.56
Willie J. Westine.....	100.00	100.17	2.01	2.00	100.18
Dorothy M. Mitchell & Mary M. Miller.....	100.00	0.00	1.67	0.00	101.67
Henry C. Buss.....	100.00	0.00	1.17	0.00	101.17
Warren D. Turner.....	150.00	0.00	1.50	0.00	151.50
	\$5,875.00	\$5,921.91	\$122.99	\$104.25	\$6,290.65

Report of the Weston Cemetery Commission

During the past season, your cemetery commission has again fulfilled the purposes for which it was constituted; having repaired fences, seen to the mowing of the properties and to the removal of brush and other encumbrances, which in the over-all picture, has maintained these properties as a fitting resting place for our beloved relatives and neighbors.

Contrary to the general trend of the times, this work has been done at a figure well below the amounts made available to the commission, thereby resulting in a saving of tax monies to the community.

During the coming year it is proposed that some of our energies be expended in an endeavor to secure an increase, not only in the number, but in the amounts of trust funds, controlled by the selectmen, for the upkeep of individual plots.

Report of the Weston Fire Department

The Weston Fire Department is a volunteer organization made up of regular and associate members. We are partially dependent on the citizens of Weston for direct contributions which, to a large extent, determine the effectiveness with which we are able to meet the constant threat of fire. All citizens are eligible to become associate members by contributing to the support of the Department, and all are urged to do so. With such added support we can speed our present program of building up our equipment to meet underwriters' standards which, when accomplished, will bring the Town the benefit not only of better fire protection but lower insurance rates.

We now are affiliated with the West River Mutual Fire Association, an organization made up of all the fire departments between Brattleboro and Weston. We aim to co-ordinate our efforts to provide maximum protection through mutual assistance and the exchange of information relating to best fire-fighting equipment, materials and techniques. As a result of these efforts and because of our concentration on regular drills to familiarize each member with the latest techniques, we believe that each member of the Department has a better working knowledge of our fire-fighting equipment than ever before.

It is obvious that a large supply of water within easy pumping distance and lift can be the means of saving a structure which otherwise might burn completely. Some local people have had ponds made near their homes and similar action is recommended to others, either as individuals or in groups in those cases where a pond can be located in a spot convenient to several homes. Such ponds are not expensive and citizens are invited to discuss the matter with us so that decisions as to location, capacity, etc. may be as carefully made as possible.

We are pleased to report that we have had no major fires during the past year, —one brush fire and several chimney fires.

The Department now has 28 members, with the following officers:

Assistant Chief Engineer	Wm. Otis Hart
Assistant Engineers	Hugh Benson Eric Lundberg
Ladderman	David Seeley
Assistant ladderman	Melville Lang
Hoseman	Calvin Mansur
Assistant Hoseman	William Simonds
Secretary	Fay Gabert
Treasurer	Perry Foster

IN CASE OF FIRE:—say “EMERGENCY FIRE”. Give name of town, location of fire and telephone number from which you call. The operator will route your call to the proper number for help and will supervise the call if you say “EMERGENCY FIRE”. Do not call a local number, —delay can be fatal.

GLENN T. FOSTER, Chief.

Report of Supt. of Schools

To the Citizens of the Town of Weston:

Citizen committees, studying the educational problems in their communities, have invariably found that providing a competent teacher is the primary factor in providing good schools.

Factors which contribute to the acquisition and retention of competent teachers, and therefore to the quality of instruction in our schools are teachers' salaries, adequacy of school facilities, instructional material, teaching load, accessibility of the school, and living accommodations for teachers.

While the above criteria are only a few of many, they are believed to be the most important and perhaps worthy of application to our own schools. A good rating in all criteria is desirable but it must be left to the citizens in a community to determine how they may best improve their schools, just as it must be left to the teaching candidates to decide which teaching situation is the most desirable.

At the present time there are two teaching positions available to each new elementary teacher. Two hundred additional elementary teachers are needed in the next five years to care for the increased school enrollments in this state. These facts must be kept in mind, since the employment and retention of competent teachers is the most important single factor in determining the quality of instruction in our schools.

Teachers' Salaries

Our average teachers' salary is slightly more than the average for communities of comparable size. This is a most commendable situation and we should continue this policy since we are competing with larger communities for the most competent teachers. Increased salaries is perhaps one of the better ways of inducing more of our young people to enter the teaching profession. The fact that our average teachers salary is 11% less than the average

salary of Vermont factory workers is not conducive to increasing the supply of competent teachers.

School Facilities

Our school facilities are far below standard, both in size and degree of modernization, and the citizens of Weston should give serious thought to the improvement of their school plants. Such improvement would not only directly improve our school program but also improve our program indirectly through the employment and retention of competent teachers.

Instructional Material

The instructional material provided in our schools is excellent.

Teaching Load

The teaching load is not only determined by the number of pupils enrolled, but also the number of grades taught and the varying abilities of the children enrolled in the teaching situation. The teaching load in the Bennett School and the upper grade room in the Village School is too heavy.

Accessibility of Schools

Teaching candidates think of accessibility in terms of convenient public transportation facilities provided in the community such as, bus and train routes. Our schools are accessible only to a local teacher living in the community or one providing her own transportation from a larger community.

Living Conditions for Teachers

Many rural communities, employing outside teachers, have experienced difficulty in finding living accommodations for teachers. The employment of local teachers, teachers who are willing to travel from larger communities, and the accommodations supplied at the Weston Inn have eased our problem.

School Enrollment

The following is the grade and school enrollment, as of January 1, 1952:

School	Grades								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Bennett	7	4	8	5	—	—	—	—	24
Village	9	6	5	3	10	12	6	7	58

Union High School District Study

For the reasons outlined in my annual report to the town in December 1950, many citizen committees in our state have been studying the advisability of forming union high school districts as provided by an act of the 1951 Legislature.

Committees of school directors town officials and other citizens have been studying the advisability of forming a union high school district in this area. It is felt that such a union would alleviate the present congestion in our elementary and secondary schools and provide a better educational program in grades seven through twelve.

While the findings of these committees will be made public at some future date, the committee members welcome the opportunity to report on the progress of the study to local civic and fraternal groups.

May I again take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the citizens of Weston, the Bennett Parent-Teachers Association, the Board of School Directors, and our teachers for their support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES P. NASON,

Superintendent of Schools.

Report of Weston School Board

1951

SCHEDULE 7

Balance January 1, 1951.....	\$ 7,095.32
Receipts during 1951.....	15,401.38
Total Money Available.....	\$22,496.70
Disbursements during 1951.....	13,415.41
Balance January 1, 1952.....	\$ 9,081.29

PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Weston School Department School Year July 1st, 1952 to July 1st, 1953

EXPENDITURES

Teachers' Salaries.....	\$ 6,750.00
School Directors (Salary and Expense).....	50.00
Superintendent (Salary, Travel & Office).....	450.00
Elementary Tuition.....	.....
Secondary Tuition.....	3,000.00
Textbooks.....	200.00
Instructional Supplies.....	250.00
Library Books and Magazines.....	25.00
Music Education.....	20.00
Visual Education.....	25.00
Health Services.....	20.00
Special Department Budgets.....	.....
Janitor Services.....	650.00
Janitor Supplies.....	35.00
Fuel.....	400.00
Light.....	125.00
Water.....	.....
Telephone.....	.....
Furniture.....	85.00
Transportation.....	2,527.00
Insurance.....	60.00
Repairs.....	270.00
Capital Outlay.....	3,500.00
Miscellaneous.....	35.00
Total Proposed Expenitures.....	\$18,477.00

ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS

State Aid for Education (Based on A. D. A.).....	\$ 6,500.00
State Aid for Rural School Improvement.....	300.00
State Supported Vocational Courses.....	.....
Federal Aid for Vocational Education.....	.....
United States Forest Receipts.....	700.00
Leased Land.....	45.00
Elementary Tuition.....	.....
Secondary Tuition.....	.....
Surplus.....	.....
Miscellaneous Receipts.....	.....
Local School Tax.....	10,932.00
Total Anticipated Receipts.....	<u>\$18,477.00</u>

Grand List of District	\$ 3,836.00	
Proposed School Tax Rate	<u>2.85</u>	Present Tax Rate \$2.10
School Tax Receipts	\$10,932.00	

FLORENCE M. SIMONDS,
 CHARLES H. FOSTER,
 H. G. MAC DONALD,
 Directors.

**Comparative School Receipts and Expenditures for Five Years
as Reported July 1, of each year**

	July 1, 1946 to July 1, 1947	July 1, 1947 to July 1, 1948	July 1, 1948 to July 1, 1949	July 1, 1949 to July 1, 1950	July 1, 1950 to July 1, 1951
Receipts:					
Past July Bal...	-\$1,120.27	-\$2,168.44	\$254.34	-\$1,036.34	\$ -137.53
Lease taxes....	82.85	46.48	41.47	55.15	45.10
School Taxes...	4,396.61	6,197.70	7,478.56	7,784.49	7,421.89
Extra tax 50c...	.....	1,625.78	.....	.....	.....
Green, Mt. Nat. Forest receipts	656.07	1,065.38	1,043.25	683.35	680.00
Tuition.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17.01
State Aid for education....	1,905.67	3,434.67	3,722.20	6,354.89	6,641.92
State Aid for re- pairs and impr.	400.00	576.06	.....	358.17	200.00
H. A. Pease, junk sold.....	1.00	.....	1.00	.....	.....
School Repair Fund .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Books lost or sold	.45	.....	.....	5.90	.....
Lewis Parkhurst, playground equip. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bennett P.T.A. ....	.....	12.00	.....	.....	.....
Island Schoolhouse	400.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Other Towns...	50.00	6.85	.....	25.00	.....
Weston 8th Grade. ....	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....
Total.....	\$6,772.38	\$10,796.48	\$12,540.82	\$15,269.95	\$14,868.39
Balance.....	-\$2,168.44	254.34	-\$1,036.34	\$ -137.53	\$ 322.83
Expenditures:					
Teachers.....	\$3,729.00	\$4,776.77	\$5,778.98	\$5,848.00	\$5,969.31
Directors.....	30.00	30.00	30.00	35.00	35.00
Supervision...	340.11	433.74	411.84	415.83	386.25
Tuition.....	975.00	1,700.00	1,699.99	2,833.33	2,409.18
Books.....	192.99	166.96	243.38	200.34	189.28
Supplies.....	287.08	257.96	388.16	269.42	224.44
Library Books .....	.....	.....	59.02	23.05	.....
Health.....	.....	.....	20.46	24.16	19.13
Janitors.....	500.00	490.00	480.00	482.00	520.50
Janitors' Supplies	18.19	32.72	94.03	54.79	13.98
Fuel.....	479.78	418.93	395.65	155.06	377.59
Lights.....	58.04	90.69	97.87	83.17	115.06
Furniture.....	569.72	63.38	101.21	16.79	602.77
Transportation.	1,269.20	1,697.50	3,076.00	2,547.12	2,524.56
Insurance.....	45.87	38.72	45.87	49.89	52.33
Repairs and Improvements	336.99	263.35	523.18	1,260.89	1,092.30
Miscellaneous..	108.85	81.42	131.62	72.30	13.88
Total.....	\$8,940.82	\$10,542.14	\$13,577.16	\$14,371.14	\$14,545.56

Wilder Memorial Library

RECEIPTS

Balance from last year	\$234.28
Interest	125.00
Gift	100.00
Town Appropriation	300.00
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	\$759.28

EXPENDITURES

Librarian	\$154.50
Books	66.57
Magazines	35.90
Janitor	25.98
Kerosene	127.44
Electricity	21.00
Insurance	22.72
Painting and repairs	40.80
Supplies	16.31
Check books	2.00
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	\$513.22
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	\$246.06

During the past year, the Library has handled the circulation of 1475 books and magazines. Seventy-two new books, some for juvenile and some for adult readers, have been purchased.

In addition to the above, 28 books have been received from the following contributors:—Mrs. Gardner Harding, Mrs. Bertha

Lundberg, Mrs. K. Little, Miss Sarah B. Davenport and the U. S. Steel Corporation. Such contributions are a great help: books and magazines, old or new, are needed and appreciated.

Supplementing the service of the Library, the Book Wagon visits Weston periodically with a selection of recent books and through this service a borrower also may request special books. Every effort is made to meet these special requests and prospective borrowers are invited to consult the Librarian for details.

LENA E. A. MANSUR,

Librarian.

Community Council

Organized in 1947 the Weston Community Council was created to serve as a clearing house for matters of Weston welfare. It retains its value as a coordinating agency for organizations or individuals with ideas for the betterment of the Town.

All organizations were invited originally to participate in the Council. In 1950 it was decided to include all Weston business organizations. As a result current membership includes the following: Weston Community Church, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Rebeccas, Parent Teachers Association, Weston Community Club, Farrar Park Association, Methodist Church, Rod and Gun Club, Vermont Guild, Town of Weston, Weston Fire Department, Woman's Club, School Department, Wilder Memorial Library, Planning Commission, Cemetery Commission, Weston Grange, Weston Exchange, Weston Inn, Architects & Builders Inc., H. C. Jacquith Company, Weston Service & Supply Co.

The Weston Community Council serves purely as an advisory and coordinating body. Its sole purpose is to promote co-operation among the different groups to the benefit of the entire Town. As the knowledge of Weston becomes more widespread the need for an organization to disseminate information as to its advantages becomes increasingly apparent.

For the past three years the Council has prepared and distributed a folder describing Weston to tourist agencies and information centers. The Council answers frequent letters from those anxious to secure vacation or business information.

The Community Council repeats its original invitation. If you or your organization have an idea for Town improvement please make use of the Council's ability to suggest consideration by its entire membership.

A. M. WILLCOX, President
KENNETH WALKER, Vice President
NANCY BAIRD, Secretary
GRACE CRAM, Treasurer

Auditors' Report

Your Auditors have examined the books and records of the Town Clerk and Treasurer and we have found all receipts accounted for and all disbursements supported by orders or cancelled checks. Further, we have examined the accounts of the other Town Officers, all of which appear to be correct.

Following what seems to be an excellent precedent established last year, we present the comparative figures below which show six years of change in the

DEFICIT OR NET INDEBTEDNESS OF WESTON

1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
\$11,456.75	\$16,973.99	\$23,194.40	\$23,371.53	\$26,168.13
1951				
\$25,179.99				

LOIS M. BENSON,

GRACE B. CRAM,

CARL OSWALD,

Auditors.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS-1951

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Place of Birth
Mar. 25	Karen Clausen	Barton Randolph Clausen	Lodiska Kent	Springfield
June 4	Christine Isabel Johnson	Rollin Charles Johnson	Vera Elizabeth Carleton	Springfield
July 15	Henry Cheves Hyde, Jr.	Henry Cheves Hyde	Ellen Leigh Martin	Springfield
Sept. 27	Hope Lang	Melville Henry Lang	Mabel Dorothy Marshall	Springfield
Nov. 6	Sharon Lee Jelley	James Richard Jelley	Gladys Myrtle Campbell	Weston
Nov. 18	Denis Gene Benson	Raymond Leverett Benson	Anna Belle Dufresne	Springfield
Nov. 27	Rodney Allen Hart	Leonard Willard Hart	Beatrice Elma Hale	Springfield

MARRIAGES-1951

Date	Groom	Residence	Bride	Residence	Place of Marriage
Mar. 13	Harry Aldis Hart, Weston		Lucille Rita Wood, Rutland		Mendon
June 30	Nelson Ray Stevens, Weston		Mildred Caroline Prime, Weston		Peru
July 14	Calvin French Mansur, Weston		Lila Marie Costello, Springfield		Springfield
Sept. 1	Wayne Bailey Foster, Weston		Louise Ima Davenport, Weston		Weston
Sept. 4	Robert E. Frappier, Proctor		Irene M. Spaulding, Weston		Proctor
Oct. 13	Eugene Merrow, Mt. Tabor		Helen Hart, Weston		Manchester

DEATHS - 1951

Date of Death	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Feb. 8	83	7	16
June 16	66	8	6
Nov. 2	63	1	29
Nov. 13	74	11	21
Nov. 18	73	6	6
Nov. 30	85	11	28
Dec. 9	57	2	19

Bessie Emeline Bolster, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Young) Moore
 Leon C. Holton, son of Ebenezer J. and Anna (Millard) Holton
 (Died in Londonderry, Vermont)
 Barney Atwood Foster, son of Gilman T. and Susan (Turner) Foster
 George Hathaway Baird, son of George W. and Julia (Rogers) Baird
 (Died in Bennington, Vermont)
 Arthur Zenas Boothby, son of Leander and Lois J. (Haynes) Boothby
 Carl August Gustave May, son of Fritz and Lena (Willert) May
 (Died in Bellows Falls, Vermont)
 Susie Ellen Gabert, daughter of William N. and Anna (Woods) Pease
 (Died in Springfield, Vermont)

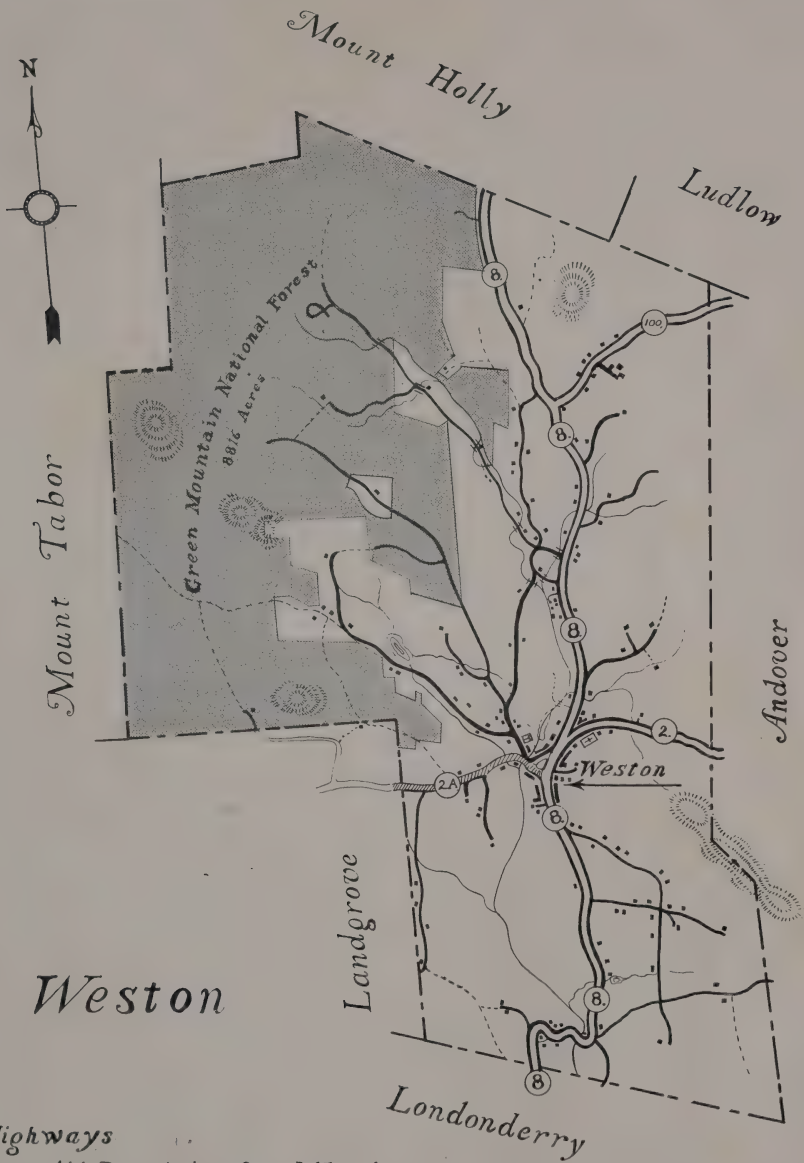
Weston Weather

	Rain and melted precipitation	Snow
January	3.73 inches	19.00 inches
February	3.30	16.50
March	4.60	23.00
April	2.95	8.00
May	2.97	
June	4.00	
July	4.98	
August	2.99	
September	2.79	
October	5.72	
November	5.05	10.55
December	4.55	31.05

Total Liquid precipitation
during 1951

Total snowfall
during 1951 108.10 inches

The above figures are as reported to U. S. Weather Bureau from Weston Station by Mr. Charles Goodwin.



Highways

State Aid Patrolled	8,	9.15 miles
.. .. .	100,	2.00 ..
.. .. .	2,	1.40 ..
.. .. .	Not Patrolled 2A,	1.51 ..

Approximate Scale: $\frac{1}{2}$ " equals 1 mile.

WARNING

For Town Meeting and Town School District Meeting

The legal voters in Town and Town School District Meetings in the Town of Weston, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town Hall in the said Town of Weston on Tuesday, the fourth day of March, A. D. 1952, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz:

1. To elect a moderator and a town clerk for the ensuing year.
2. To act on the report of the auditors.
3. To vote by ballot upon the following questions:
Shall licenses for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this town?
Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this town?
4. To see if the town will authorize and empower the selectmen to appoint one or two road commissioners.
5. To elect all town and town school district officers required by law to be elected at the annual March meeting.
6. To see if the town will vote to pay the taxes to the town treasurer.
7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$275.00, in addition to the \$25.00 required by law, making a total of \$300.00 for the Wilder Memorial Library.
8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to take advantage of State Aid on highways, and if so, how much.
9. To see if the school directors should work towards the consolidation of the town's schools.
10. To see if the Town School District will vote to pay a maximum of \$200.00 tuition for each pupil attending high school in another district.
11. To see if the Town School District will vote to raise money for the support of its schools.
12. To see if the town will vote to raise money to pay current expenses, support of highways and bridges, and all or any part of its indebtedness.
13. Will the town vote to collect taxes on real and personal property in installments? What rate of discount will be allowed on each installment?
14. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to borrow money to pay current expenses and any part of the town's indebtedness.
15. To see if the town will vote to bond the town officers as required by law.
16. Will the town authorize the auditors of the town to employ the services of an accountant from the office of the Auditor of Accounts as provided by No. 55 of the Acts of 1937 to conduct an audit of the accounts of the town?
17. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to acquire by gift or purchase land for a municipal forest to promote reforestation, water conservation and good forestry practices.
18. Is it the wish of the voters of Weston that the sale of colored oleo be legalized in this State?
19. To transact any other business necessary and proper to come before the meeting.

FAY H. GABERT,
RAYMOND L. BENSON,
ALONZO W. FULLER,
Selectmen.

Dated at Weston, Vermont, February 14, 1952.

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